

REMARKS

The present application is a U.S. national stage application based on International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011548, filed October 14, 2004, which claims priority to EP application No. 03024781.1, filed October 30, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Thus, claims 1-13 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 14-33 are added. No new matter is added as new claims 14-33 are fully supported by the specification and claims of the priority document, International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011548. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 14-33 will be pending.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any issues remain to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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